

Sex Education Advisory Board Meeting

Board Meeting Room, East Lansing High School

January 21, 2021

1) Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Melissa Fore at 6:36 PM

2) Membership Roll Call

Members present: Mary Ellen Vrbanc, Danny Hearit, Diane Tuinstra, Melissa Fore, Amy Bigman, Sydney Greenway, Steve Kwasnik, Glenn Macham, Jonathan Gold, Megan Maas, Rebecca Malouin, LaTonya Turner and Kim Henderson.

Introduction of new student member, Janiah Amos, will occur at next meeting.

Guests: Sarah Tomakich, Monica Fink, Nancy Vasquez, Emily Joan Elliott, and Autumn Schneider.

3) Approval/Additions to the Agenda

Move Intersex Inclusivity Starting in 4th and 5th Grade Curriculum to the top spot in unfinished business.

A motion to approve the agenda with the proposed changes was made by Danny Hearit and seconded by Steve Kwasnik. Motion passed unanimously.

4) Public Comment: *No comment*

5) Presentations/Committee Reports

a) Sex Ed Director Report

- First sex ed class over zoom was difficult but went over well.
- Looking to put the "Puberty for Parents" resource on Facebook. There is also a district parents web page. The more locations the better, see if we can post it on the many Facebook pages. Let's start getting it out!
- Discussed slowing down the updates/additions to the 4th and 5th grade because the current increased workload of the pandemic. We should also get the teachers input before making any final changes.

8) Unfinished Business

a) Intersex Inclusivity Starting in 4th and 5th Grade Curriculum

Looking for resources about intersex tailored to 4th and 5th grade, but there is not much. We have proposed the following language to be introduced before any video or diagrams:

Remember: Many people have a male reproductive system as described in this video.

Because each person is unique, some people will have reproductive systems that are not like this. This video will describe patterns, but not set rules, for people's bodies.

Remember: Many people have a female reproductive system as described in this video.

Because each person is unique, some people will have reproductive systems that are not like this. This video will describe patterns, but not set rules, for people's bodies."

How to answer any questions regarding this?

- Admitting that there is still a lot to learn about how people's bodies develop.

- Not everyone has all these parts in this order & size and that's okay. *You can make an analogy about other parts of the human body and how they are different.*
- How a person's body looks under clothing is private.
- Katie Couric's Gender Revolution is a good resource for parents.

We should consider intersex training for teachers so they are equipped to educate better.

b) PopPorn recap

Fantastic and very insightful! Thank you, Megan Maas! We should look at media literacy that includes porn. Megan will be part of a parent training for "talk early, talk often." Parent registration will be online.

c) MiPHY Discussion

- Some of the responses have a small sample set, so that could account for the wide variance from year to year. Placing the number reported for each answer should provide some clarity, including the number of respondents by gender.
- Do we need to have stronger consent lessons in 8th grade? – *The data indicates yes.*
- Other observations can be made and emailed or talked more the next time we meet.

d) Curriculum Evaluation Tool: What Needs to be Added for Diversity and Inclusivity?

Not covered

9) New Business

- a. 4th and 5th Grade Curriculum overview:** Agreed that a complete review will be delayed until next year due to Covid restrictions. Mary Ellen said that we have always involved teachers in our curriculum updates and teachers are not able to take on any additional responsibilities this year.

11) Announcements

Next Meeting February 18, 2020 6:30 PM

12) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Kim Henderson and seconded by Megan Maas. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Note: The October meeting minutes were approved via email vote and thus do not appear on this agenda as requiring a vote of approval.